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and a Sensor Element

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Amended) Sensor element as defined in claim 20, characterized in that it comprises insulators placed on both sides of the connection point to which the leads for connection to the sensor element are connected, said insulators being preferably watertight and designed to prevent water and moisture from getting into the connection.

**REMARKS**

Claim 23 was amended to correct multiple dependency.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

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